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By-polls: Chief Electoral Officer holds parleys

V. Sreenivasa Prasad (BJP) and Kalale Keshavamurthy to file nominations on Mar. 20 in Nanjangud

Chief Electoral Officer Anil Kumar Jha (third from left) holding a meeting in Nanjangud yesterday. SP Ravi D. Channannavar, DC D. Randeep and ZP CEO P. Shivashankar are also seen.

Nanjangud, Mar. 16 (OSR)- Stringent action will be taken against candidates who violate the Election Model Code of Conduct. Officers in-charge of conducting elections in Nanjangud and Gundlupet must ensure that candidates and party workers do not indulge in unfair practices to influence voters, said Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka Anil Kumar Jha.

Jha, the State's high-ranking officer who is overall responsible for the smooth conduct of elections, visited Nanjangud yesterday where the by-elections are scheduled on April 9 along with Gundlupet Assembly Constituency. The visit assumes significance as both BJP and Congress have taken the elections as prestige issue and there are reports that people might be influenced to cast votes for a particular candidate.

Chairing a meeting with Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, who is also the Mysuru District Electoral Officer, and Superintendent of Police Ravi D. Channannavar and other officials at the Tahsildar's Office in Nanjangud yesterday evening, Anil Kumar Jha asked the administrative machinery to ensure that there is free and fair poll.

"The Model Code of Conduct has come into force as soon as the poll schedule was announced and we are keeping tabs on the election expenditure, vehicles used for election campaigns, candidate rallies and election publicity materials," he said.

Jha said that the voters' list for Nanjangud Assembly constituency will be finalised by March 21. He added that political parties are not allowed to pay money or gifts to induce the voters. The Election Commission has formed sector and flying squads to check irregularities, he said.

Jha had also a piece of advice to the public when he said that people were free to approach officers if they feel that the poll code is violated. "We have publicised the phone numbers and names of the officers in-charge of the elections and public can report any violation," he said.

Randeep said that the administration has formed various teams to keep a vigil on the possible illegal activities by political parties. Flying squads, static surveillance teams, accounting vigilance team, media authentication and supervisory committee and Model Code of Conduct teams have been formed at district and taluk levels.

(See BY-POLLS on page 8)

Ramya to join BJP?

BJP workers in Mandya against it

Mandya, Mar. 16 (NG& BCT)- At a time when veteran politician and Karnataka's former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna is all set to join BJP, it is rumoured that former Mandya MP Ramya is also likely to follow his footsteps. Krishna is Ramya's political mentor.

Ramya

Ramya, the actress-turned politician, used to interact with people on Twitter on a regular basis. Surprisingly, she has remained inactive ever since Krishna decided to leave Congress. Her silence has given rise to speculations that she would join the saffron party soon like her mentor.

Meanwhile, the rumour of her joining BJP angered some BJP workers in Mandya who threatened to commit suicide if she was accepted into BJP. Some party workers have even written to State BJP President B.S. Yeddyurappa demanding that Ramya should not be allowed into BJP as she is only joining to secure herself a place in a political party that is now on a winning streak.

Parrikar wins floor test in Goa Assembly

Panaji, Mar. 16- Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar won the trust vote in the 40-member Assembly with 23 MLAs backing him. One Congress MLA Vishwajit Rane abstained from voting, bringing down the required majority mark to 20. NCP's Churchill Alemao also voted in favour of the BJP Government.

Later, speaking to mediapersons, Parrikar said that the resolution motion was passed with 22 to 16, with Speaker supporting the ruling benches.

"We have proved before the people of India, and as promised we have the support of 23 MLAs. They (Congress) didn't have the numbers from the beginning. There was a talk that Digvijay Singh has stepped down as desk in-charge. This happens when you come to Goa only to enjoy and not to work", he said.

Poacher killed as Forest Guards open fire

Ramanagar, Mar. 16 (MTY& VNS)- An alleged poacher was killed on the spot when the Forest Guards opened fire on a group of five people, who were seen suspiciously hiding inside the shrubs waiting to hunt wild animals at Uyamballi Forest Area located at Kanakapura Taluk in Ramanagar early this morning.

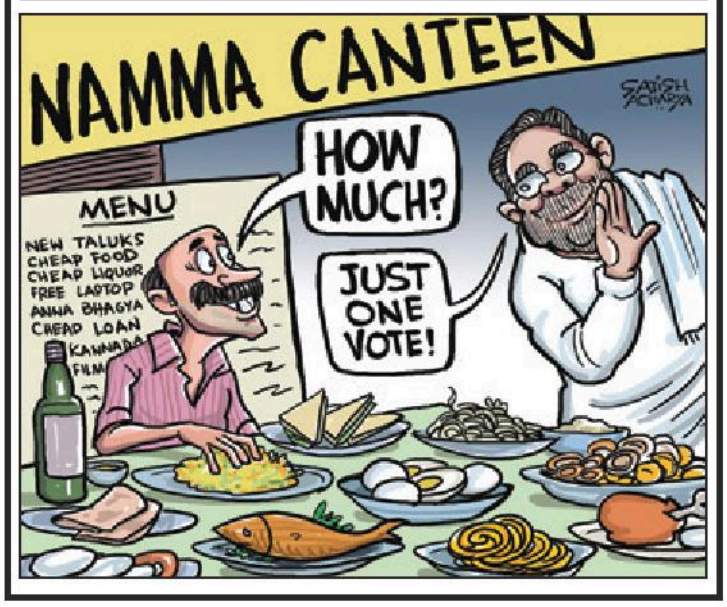
The deceased has been identified as Guru (24), a resident of Doddaladahalli in Kanakapura Taluk. The other four alleged poachers managed to escape.

The Forest officials said that the guards, on noticing a group of 5-6 poachers holding lethal weapons, cautioned them to surrender. Instead, the poachers launched an attack on the Forest Guards and with no other option the guards had to open fire in an act of self-defence.

As soon as the news spread about Guru's death, the villagers stormed into the forest and pelted stones on the Forest sleuths. Ramanagar DCF, ACF and other forest officials visited the spot. Sathanur Police have registered a case and investigating.

They have deployed additional force at the spot as a precautionary measure.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.

Mysuru, Thursday 16th March 2017

Who counts in the country?

Answering the above poser would amount to saying the obvious. The land's citizens, with a volatile estimate of exceeding 130 crore enjoy an euphemistically described identity as its *consumers*. Every year, National Consumer Day, falling on December 24, is *observed*, an event not many can enlighten what is leading to. The nation has a Ministry of Consumer Affairs at the Centre at whose aegis the special day is *celebrated*. The World Consumer Rights Day has just been observed or celebrated, whichever way one chooses to take it. Out of the various laws that have been *enforced* to protect the consumer rights in India, the most important is the Consumer Protection Act, 1986. One doesn't have to be an expert in rocket science to realise that consumer-rights-protection and protecting -the-consumer-in-the-street are different kettles of fish. The set-up, not known to the unlettered mass in the land, namely Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission at the Centre and its regional chapters has often turned into a cruel joke on the aggrieved consumer.

Barring the well-marked sections in the population, call them citizens or consumers, who know the tricks-of-the-trade as it were in protecting themselves or their rights, the rest are at the mercy of two hard-to-beat Indian types, namely the elected representatives and the traders, both of them being a law unto themselves preying on their victims — the consumers.

The threesome combine, namely *a)* the law-makers in the range of Gram Panchayat to Parliament, *b)* the now-well-paid functionaries in the administration with the trust of citizens to *serve* them with probity and *c)* the traders, about whom less said the better, are making merry through their combined three-pronged assault choking the citizens, now gone beyond limits of bare survival. The promise of *achche din* (good days) for the mass of consumers is being held out in spite of the mass being driven to despair, given the yawning gap between money at their command and meeting even the bare essentials of life. The aforementioned trinity, holding the land's people at large to ransom, are in a stupor that their undeserved *achche din* will last for ever.

Comparing the current *still-liveable* condition in the country for citizens at large with the unrest, uncertainty and genocide in many regions across the world may offer some solace, but certainly not a consolation. Ultimately, one may retire to bed after a strenuous day's life with the comfort-giving thought that "it could be worse." One may count the citizens, but the consumer doesn't count!

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

WHEN COMFORT ROOM GIVES NO COMFORT: ***One of my aunts from a rural area says the bathroom in my house lacks space. She squats on the floor and washes her clothes and then takes bath. Whenever she enters the bathroom, we take it for granted that she will come out only after an hour. Twice a week, the said aunt takes an oil bath. She soaks her hair and body in coconut oil. She stays put in the bathroom for the oil to be absorbed by the scalp and skin and uses shikakai powder to remove the excess oil on her body. She leaves oil slick and brownish shikakai sediment on the bathroom floor. To make matters worse, a bunch of fallen hair clogs the lid of the drain. One of my friends wanted to rent out the ground floor of his house and inserted an ad in a local newspaper. He soon zeroed in on an elderly couple and took six months advance rent and handed over the keys to them. Next day, the prospective tenant told him his daughter-in-law from the US wouldn't visit them if the bedroom didn't have a bathroom attached to it. Since the structure of the house could not be altered, he returned the advance, took back the keys and advertised again for prospective tenants.*** — *P. Subramanian in The New Indian Express.*

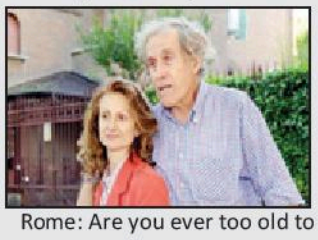
NEWS SPARKLERS

Colombians can go to work drunk

Bogotá: A reinterpreted article in Colombia's Labour Code was recently approved by the country's Constitutional Court, thus allowing people to show up for work drunk or under the influence of narcotics as long as their productivity is not affected.

It all started last year, when two students at the University of Uniciencia in Bucaramanga challenged the country's labour law at the Constitutional Court, arguing that employers should not be allowed to fire or discipline their employees for having consumed alcohol or narcotics unless they could prove that this had affected their performance on the job. The Court agreed and ruled that the unconstitutional article of the Labour Code be modified. However, The Court set some exceptions to the new rule, specifically "activities that involve high risk for the worker, his co-workers, or third parties." Aviation personal were offered as an obvious example, but I imagine drivers, law enforcement personnel, etc. are also covered considered exceptions.

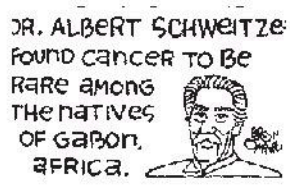
Story of Injustice!



Rome: Are you ever too old to become a parent? Well, tragic story of Gabriella and Luigi De Ambrosis, an elderly couple who had their natural daughter taken away and put up for adoption because they were deemed too old to take care of her is proof enough. In 2009, 57-year-old Gabriella and 69-year-old Luigi, of Casale Monferrato, Italy, decided to have a baby, and travelled abroad to undergo an advanced in-vitro procedure. In May 2010, Gabriella gave birth to a healthy baby daughter, and the couple made national headlines. They became known as the "grandparent parents," and faced discrimination from people deeming them too old to take care of a baby. An overzealous neighbour who must have called the police the moment he saw the couple go inside without the baby, which was made to sleep inside the car parked outside, when they went to kitchen to prepare milk for the baby. Based on the neighbour's testimony, the "grandparent parents" were charged with abandonment and soon appeared before a judge who declared the De Ambrosis unfit to take care of the baby, due to their age.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Did people get cancer in earlier times?



Cancer is a modern-day disease. Traditional cultures, such as the natives of Gabon, Africa, were studied before they adopted the western diet. Little to no cancer has been found among native cultures. No cancer was found among 60,000 natives studied in Brazil and Ecuador.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Two-day Intl. Symposium on Cloud Computing

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (RS)- The National Institute of Engineering, Computer Science Division in association with Computer Society of India - Bengaluru and Mysuru chapter has organised a two-day 'International Symposium on 'Cloud Computing and Data Analytics' (ISCCDA-2017) at Bharat Ratna Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan seminar Hall, NIE Administrative Block on Mar. 17 and 18.

Dr. Anirban Basu, President of Computer Society of India, will inaugurate the symposium at 10 am. Dr. Rajkumar Buyya, Director, CLOUDS Laboratory, University of Melbourne, Australia, will deliver the keynote address. Dr. B.G. Sangameshwara, Vice-Chancellor, JSS S&T University, Mysuru, will be the guest of honour. Srinath Batni, President, NIE, will preside.

The symposium aims to address data security, privacy, trusted computing, resource management and data analytics. Eminent speakers from various organisations will deliver invited talks on recent developments and challenges in the area. The symposium will be followed by paper and poster presentations.

The valedictory will be held on Mar. 18 at 4. 45 pm. Dr. K. Chidananda Gowda, former Vice-Chancellor of Kuvempu University, will deliver the valedictory address. S.L. Ramachandra, Director, NIE, will preside. For details, contact Ph: 0821- 2480475.

Convocation on Mar.31: Calling St. Philos students

Mysuru, Mar.16-The Third Annual Convocation of St. Philomena's College (autonomous), Mysuru, will be held on Mar. 31 at 3 pm in the Indoor Stadium of the college in Bannimantap.

The Under-Graduate students of 2013-2016 batch and Post Graduate students of 2014-16 batch are requested to register for the Convocation to receive the Degree Certificates awarded by the University of Mysore. Students can also register online by logging on to the College website *www.stphilos.in.* Individual postal communication has been sent to all the students.

Last date to register is Mar.30 by 1 pm. Students who have registered should report to the registration desk on Mar.31 before 12.30 pm to collect the entry pass.

Really...?

- ***Charles Darwin was the first to suspect if incest could cause defects in the offspring. He married his first cousin and had ten children, three of them died as infants and another three of them were infertile.***
- ***During the Graeco-Roman period, sibling marriages were common among all classes in Egypt.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A customer was bothering the waiter in a restaurant. First, he asked that the AC be turned on because he was too feeling hot, then he asked it be put off as it was too cold, and went on like this for about half-an-hour. The waiter patiently walked back and forth but never got angry. Finally, another customer asked him why he didn't throw out that pest.

"Oh, I really don't care or mind," ***said the waiter with a smile.*** *"We don't even have an air-conditioner !!"*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 65.64
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VOICE OF THE READER

Sir MV's advice to Mysore Varsity graduates

Sir,

KBG's *Abracadabra* titled ***"After a day's lazing or hard work, let us relax !"*** (*SOM* dated Feb.28) made a good reading. His observation that when you do work which you enjoy you don't feel any fatigue, is very true. It is a source of immense job satisfaction.

In this connection, I may mention that late Sir M. Visvesvaraya touched upon this aspect while delivering the convocation address of the University of Mysore on 25th October,1948. His advice to graduates in the matter contained in the convocation address is reproduced below:

"I have lived a rather long life, and the graduates who have taken the degrees might ask me what advice I have to give for their guidance from my own personal experience. My answer would be this: if you lead an active life and your employment happens to be congenial to your temperament, work will keep you fit. I have had plenty of interesting work as an Engineer. Engineering is a dynamic art, as it has developed very rapidly and is a fascinating field to work in. It helps me to acquire business skill and put forth continuous effort to do more and to do better."

—M.K.Subba Rao

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AIISH Aawaaz inter-collegiate cultural fest from tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 16- All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) is organising an inter-collegiate cultural festival ***"AIISH Aawaaz-2017"*** from Mar.17 to Mar.19 at Panchavati Campus of the institute on Bogadi Road here.

This festival is open for all college students to showcase their cultural talents. The fest will host various cultural events and literary competitions such as Solo Singing, Mehandi, TV or Movie quiz, Instrumentals, Parichay, Face Painting, Mimicry, Creative Writing, Spoof, Group Dance, Group Songs, Detectives for a Day, Junk Art, Hindi Antyakshari, Movie Dub, Doodling, Mime, Solo Dance, Tattooing, Skit, Fashion Show (Zoadiac Signs), Duet Singing, Collage-Making,

Mysore Anand

Sangeetha

Dum Charades, Spot Dance, Mock Press, Multi Tasking, Mad Ads, Duet Dance etc.

Mysore Anand, noted actor and comedian and Sangeetha Ravindranath, noted playback singer will be inaugurating the fest tomorrow (Mar. 17) at 6 pm at Panchavati campus. Dr. S.R. Savithri, Director, AIISH, will preside.

Those who would like to participate may contact S. Rakshith, General Secretary on Mob: 9900737576 or M. Varsha Athreya, Cultural Secretary on Mob: 8747852476. Spot registrations can also be done. Attractive cash prizes await the winners of all events. A rolling trophy for Fashion Show and the institution which bags maximum points has also been instituted.

Anganawadi staff to get Rs. 50,000 as hospitalisation expenses

Bengaluru, Mar. 16 (US& KMS)- The State Govt. has issued an order to pay medical expenses on hospitalisation to a tune of Rs. 50,000 to Anganawadi staff and assistants. Similarly if they die during service, the assistance being paid for the final rites has been increased from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 5000.

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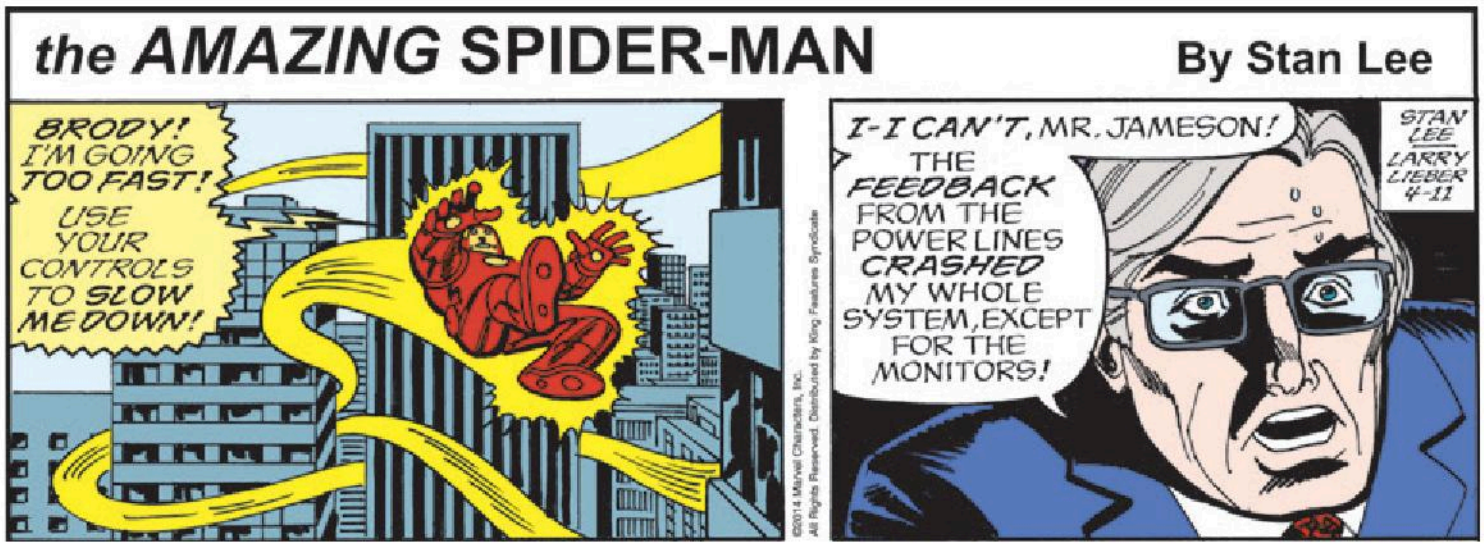
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NEWS BRIEFS

Meeting postponed

The District Development Co-ordination and In-charge Committee Meeting scheduled on Mar. 18 at ZP auditorium under the Chairmanship of MP R. Dhruvanarayan has been postponed as the model code of conduct has come into effect, according to a press release from the ZP CEO.

Seminar

The Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering of NIE Institute of Technology has organised a one-day National Seminar on 'Recent Advances in Communication Technologies - A Power System Perspective' at the Seminar Hall, Sri Shankaracharya Bhavana, NIEIT, on Mar. 18 at 10 am. N. Murugesan, former Director-General, CPRI, Bengaluru, will inaugurate. G.S. Ramachandra, Hon. Secretary, NIE, will preside. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2403733.

Alumni Meet

The Alumni Meet of JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled will be held at the Institution's Seminar Hall on Mar. 26 at 10 am.

Mass Upanayana

Zilla Brahmana Mahasabha in association with Sandhya Suraksha Trust has organised a mass upanayana for Druganitha Ritya Trimathasta Brahmins on April 30, in the presence of B.R. Nataraj Jois, Zonal Vice-President, Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha. Interested may register their names at Zilla Brahmana Mahasabha Office, DVC Layout, Udayaravi Road, Ramakrishnanagar or contact Mob: 80887-99540.

As part of Shankara Jayanti, the Babbur Kamme Sangha, Saraswathipuram, has organised mass upanayana on April 30. Interested may register their names before April 15. For details, contact Mob: 96325-51192.

H1N1 virus does not spread through pigs: MCC Comr.

The H1N1 virus does not spread through pigs but it passes from one person to another, said MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha. He said that the spread of the virus could be controlled by taking precautionary measures like washing hands with soap regularly, keeping away from crowded places, regular exercising, having healthy food and proper rest.

Nominated

Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath has been nominated as the Chairman of Bagair Hukum Cultivation Regularisation Committee. This order of the appointment was issued by PWD Under-Secretary Uday R. Nayak. Other members of the Committee include: Shivalingappa (General), Chikkaswamy (SC), S.S. Mamata (Woman) and Tahasildar as Member-Secretary.

3 house burglars arrested

Rs. 3,14,000 worth valuables recovered in separate cases

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (RK&KS)- In two separate operations, Jayapura and Saraswathipuram Police have arrested three house burglars and have seized gold jewellery, silver articles, a car and a mobile phone, all worth about Rs. 3.14 lakh, from them.

In the first operation, Jayapura Police have nabbed a house burglar within 24 hours of the burglar committing the crime and have seized 80 grams gold jewellery worth Rs. 2.5 lakh from him.

The accused has been identified as Nanja alias Nanjesh, a resident of Kallahalli village, Jayapura Hobli in the taluk.

It is reported that Nanjesh, who was working as a mason, sneaked into the house of one Murthy in Udbur village on Mar. 13 at about 4.30 pm, when the latter was watering the plants in the backyard and had made away with two gold necklace, gold chain, a bracelet, finger ring and a pair of earrings weighing about 80 grams. Jayapura Inspector (in-Charge) Ganesh and staff, who rushed to the spot on receiving information, conducted mahazar, registered a case and took up the investigation.

Accused Nanjesh was arrested when he was waiting for a bus at Kallahalli Bus Stand at about 3 pm on Mar. 14 and recovered the jewellery which he was carrying in his pocket. During interrogation, Nanjesh is said to have told that he was waiting for the bus to head towards Mysuru to sell the stolen booty.

Nanjesh was produced before a Court which has remanded him to judicial custody.

In the second case, Saraswathipuram Police on Mar. 14, took a person into their custody who was found moving around in a suspicious manner near Muthoot Fincorp near Vijaya Bank Circle in T.K. Layout here. When the Police checked the person, identified as 21-year-old Ravi, a resident of Lakkuru Village in Gundlupet taluk, they found gold jewels in his pocket.

On interrogation, the accused is said to have confessed that he, along with his friend, had stolen the gold ornaments from houses in Bogadi, Sharadadevi Nagar and Janatha Nagar in city.

Based on the information provided by Ravi, the Police arrested his accomplice identified as 20-year-old Manikanta, a resident of KHB Colony in Hootagalli here and seized gold ornaments and silver articles worth Rs. 64,000, a mobile phone and the car used for the crime.

With the arrest of the duo, four house burglary cases in Saraswathipuram Police jurisdiction have been solved.

During interrogation, it was also learnt that the main accused in the case, who used to sell the stolen jewellery through persons from other States, is under judicial custody in Tamil Nadu and hunt is on for another absconding accused.

Saraswathipuram Inspector K.C. Poovaiah and staff K.T. Manjunath, Kantharaju, Ramaiah and H.V. Manjunath took part in the nabbing and seizing operation.

Three persons including two students commit suicide

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (KS)- In three separate incidents, two students and a housewife have committed suicide in city.

In the first incident, a 22-year-old Mechanical Engineering student of SJCE and a resident of Hullina Beedhi near Agrahara, committed suicide by hanging self in a room on the first floor of his house here yesterday. The deceased student has been identified as M.S. Ganesh Prasad, son of Somashekar, a Sub-Inspector attached to Sargur Police Station.

The incident came to light when Ganesh's sister went to his room as he (Ganesh) had not come down. She immediately informed the family members.

K.R. Police, who rushed to the spot on being informed, removed the body and shifted it to MMC&RI mortuary for post-mortem besides registering a case.

The reason for his death is yet to be ascertained.

In the second incident, a 20-year-old D. Pharma student at JSS College of Pharmacy in city, identified as Hamab Hameed, committed suicide by hanging self to a ceiling fan in his house at Shivarathreeshwara Nagar here yesterday afternoon.

Hameed, who came from the college yesterday afternoon, went to his room where he hanged himself to the ceiling fan. The incident came to light, when one of his friends who came to his house went to his room to talk to him and immediately informed Hameed's family members.

N.R. Police, who rushed to the spot on receiving information, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary, registered a case and are investigating.

In the third incident, a housewife, unable to bear stomach ache, committed suicide by jumping into Kapila River at Atwal Dam near Hullahalli in Nanjangud on Tuesday evening. The deceased has been identified as Mangalamma (50), wife of Shankarappa, resident of Karya in Nanjangud.

It is reported that Mangalamma, who was suffering from stomach ache since about two years, had become depressed and on Tuesday at about 5.30 pm, she left the house saying that she was going to Hullahalli to purchase puja materials, but went to Atwal Dam and committed suicide by jumping into the Kapila River.

Hullahalli Police have registered a case.

Help me get back my hubby: Woman to Police

Mysuru, Mar.16 (US&RK)- A woman from Bengaluru is said to have sought help from Mysuru Police to get back her husband.

The woman, identified as Navya A.K. Urs, from Malleshwaram, Bengaluru, arrived at Lakshmipuram Police Station here yesterday and complained that her husband Vinod Urs was missing for the last couple of days.

She alleged that Vinod was staying at the house of one Puttaswamy in Lakshmipuram Police limits based on a confirmed report. She pleaded with the Police to send Vinod with her.

The Police, based on information provided by Navya, summoned Vinod to the Police Station and on investigation, learnt that the couple had a tiff and Vinod had left the house in Bengaluru and come to Mysuru.

During counselling by the Police to patch up the marital discord, Vinod was said to have told the Police that he was unwell and assured to come back after getting treatment from a hospital on Narayana Shastri Road but failed to turn up till late in the evening, according to KR ACP C. Malik who hopes to get Vinod back and counsel the couple.

Philanthropist H.V. Shankar Rao no more

Mysuru, Mar. 16- H.V. Shankar Rao (95), a Philanthropist, who had served in various organisations, passed away at his Jayalakshmipuram residence here yesterday following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites at Chirashantidhama today at 3 pm, according to family sources.

Shankar, who had served as Mahajana Education Society Secretary, was also the President of Sri Chandramouleshwara Temple in V.V. Mohalla, Vontikoppal Club, Babburkamme Seva Sangha and Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha.

He had also served as Lions International Deputy District Governor, Anathalaya Trust Managing Committee Member and Jayalakshmipuram's Elder Citizen's Council President.

Retired MCC Commissioner gets extortion call from fake IT officer

Caller demands Rs. 10 lakh to close 'case'

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (YDS&KS)- An incident of a person, claiming to be the Commissioner of the Income Tax (IT) Department, calling a retired KAS officer over the phone and demanding Rs. 10 lakh to close a 'case' has been reported in city.

Retired Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, who is now the Executive Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, in a complaint lodged at Alanahalli Police Station, has stated that one Prakash Barki, claiming to be an IT Commissioner, has been calling him over the phone since four days and demanding Rs. 10 lakh to close a 'case' based on a complaint that he has taken up for investigation.

The Police, who have taken up the case, are investigating.

Obituary

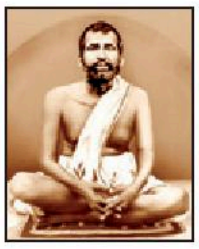
Chethan

Hunsur, Mar. 16 - Chethan (47), rice merchant and a resident of Housing Board, passed away here yesterday following a cardiac arrest. He leaves behind his wife, two children, parents, sister and a host of relatives and friends.

As per Chethan's wish, his eyes were donated. Last rites were performed at the town later in the day.

Life-size statue of Paramahamsa to adorn R.K. Nagar Circle

White marble sculpture at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh



Mysuru, Mar. 16 (RK&BCT)- A statue of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahamsa carved out of white marble stone will come up at Ramakrishnanagar Circle. It will be a life-size statue of the 19th century Saint and will be carved at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh. The Circle is located at the intersection of Vishwa Manava Double Road and Chaduranaga Road.

The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) had proposed to install the statue and had given its approval in 2014-15. The Deputy Commissioner gave a green signal to the proposal on July 11, 2016 and the project got an approval from the technical committee on July 14, 2016.

At a MUDA Board Meeting held Oct. 1, 2015, the MUDA had decided to install the statue as the civic body had completed the construction of a circle at I-Block, which is modelled after K.R. Circle. It was decided that the statue will depict the popular lotus posture as the monk is normally depicted. The MUDA had allotted Rs. 3.71 crore for the Ramakrishnanagar Circle beautification project.

Later, the MUDA had called for a tender (in July 2016) and only one person, who was not technically competent, had applied for the tender, forcing MUDA to call for a re-tender in November 2016 where only three tenders were received. Among them, two were disqualified and the one person remaining had quoted 2 percent lesser than the tender amount.

Following this, the Deputy Commissioner, on January this year, returning the tender documents to MUDA, had asked the MUDA if Government approval was obtained for the installation of the statue.

Replying to the DC's letter, MUDA wrote back to the DC on Feb. 14 for tender approval. MUDA officials said that the work order for the tender will be approved after the DC gives permission.

The area around the Ramakrishnanagar Circle will be developed as a public space with seating arrangements, landscaped gardens with fountains and illumination.

It may be recalled, there were speculations earlier that the statue may not be installed as the Supreme Court had ordered the civic bodies not to install statues at random in public places. This had also led to a spate of protests in the locality.

DC asks officials to utilise SCP/TSP funds by end of this fiscal

Mysuru, Mar.16- Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep has warned the officials of legal action if they fail to utilise funds allocated under Special Component Plan (SCP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP).

Addressing the officials at a meeting held at his office yesterday, Randeep said that out of Rs. 295 crore sanctioned by the Government for the financial year 2016-17, only Rs. 224 crore has been utilised for various projects. 75% funds are utilised under the plans by February. He directed the authorities concerned to utilise the funds before the end of current fiscal.

Zilla Panchayat CEO P. Shivashankar, Social Welfare Joint Director Prabha, District Tribal Welfare Officer Shivakumar, DDPI H.R. Basappa and others attended the meeting.

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Novel initiative to provide water and food grains to birds

City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath and BJP Slum Morcha Organising Secretary R. Raghu Kautilya seen fixing a container to a tree.

Mysuru, Mar. 16- A novel initiative of providing drinking water and food grains to birds was launched in the city yesterday.

Realising that the scorching heat will kill the birds, the volunteers of Mysuru Prajnavantha Nagarikara Vedike fixed small containers to trees and placed food grains and water for the birds to eat and quench their thirst.

The initiative was launched on the Chamaraja Double Road.

Launching the initiative, City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath lamented that these days, youth spend a lot of money on unwanted things. Instead, they can contribute to such initiatives and can spread the message of co-existence. He appreciated the efforts of Kadakola Jagadish of Prajnavantha Nagarikara Vedike for launching such an initiative.

BJP Slum Morcha Organising Secretary R. Raghu Kautilya, KMPK Trust President Vikram Iyengar and others were present.

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Classifying *Jati*

For thousands of years, Indians have followed the *jati* system. By this system, your birth determines your vocation, hence your status in society, and only members of your *jati* will share food (*roti,* in Hindi) with you and give their daughters *(beti)* to marry into your household. This *roti-beti* system ensured communities to survive, and keeping their knowledge systems to within the group.

This system of endogamy was fairly fluid for a long time, but became rigid 1,900 years ago, according to genetic studies. The dehumanising practice of untouchability, whereby different vocations were classified as polluting and pure, emerged gradually,

and became the norm about 1,500 years ago. We know this because of the variable accounts of social practices found in the memoirs of Chinese travellers who visited India via the Silk Route.

Five hundred years ago, when Europeans came to India, they used the word caste for *jati* for the first time. This word referred to the European clans who maintained clan purity through marriage rules. Eventually, around the world, people identified *jati* as caste, and forgot that the word has European origins.

There are over 3,000 *jatis* in India today, most are regional, not known across India. Brahmins who wrote the *Dharmashastras,* 2,000 years ago, were the first who tried to force fit these into the four *varnas* of the Vedas. This radical step was done to ensure the privilege of the Brahmin communities, and has little to do with other groups.

However, the British assumed *Dharmashastras* was the universal law book of Hindus. In codifying a law for India in the 19th century, they used these books, especially the *Manusmriti* as a guide, universalising rules meant for a particular community. NOTE: In the 19th century, Europeans saw *Manusmriti* as an enlightened text, very different from how it is seen today.

The four-fold *varna* system is first mentioned in a Vedic verse, the *Purusha Sukta,* from the last Mandala, and seems more a theoretical observation of how a society is created through collaboration of different groups with different capabilities, and how with difference comes hierarchy inevitably. It was the British, like the *Dharmashastra* brahmins, who argued that the *jati* system originates from that verse. Like those brahmins, the British institutionalised the four-fold caste system in the census of 1901, by force-fitting thousands of *jatis* into a four-fold system, ignoring that many *jatis* defied such easy classification: the soldier in winter, would be a farmer in summer.

Today, the threefold division of Hindu society as General Category, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, owes its origin to the 1911 census of the British Raj. The fourth category, Other Backward Class (not caste), emerged following the Mandal Commission in 1980, thus confusing the economic idea of class favoured by socialists with the traditional idea of caste.

This force fitting of thousands of *jatis* into four categories *(varna)* has been done by the Brahmins, by the British and by the Republic of India, purportedly for the sake of governance, but primarily to establish control over society, and corner resources for one group or the other. In whatever form, it will always be the cause of great rage and violence, for political systems never address the primal human psychology that is territorial and yearns to dominate.

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Street Food

By N.K.A. Ballal,
Retd. Sr. Vice-President, ITDC

Ballal

About two years back, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) had taken a decision to relocate the food vendors, spread all over the city. The reasoning behind such a move was two-folded. Firstly, licence was to be issued to vendors who adhered to basic hygiene principles and secondly, to de-congest the busy by-lanes of the city. But as usual, the officials are slow in enforcing any good decision which benefits the citizens of this city and also ensures that the clean city tag remains for some more time. Vested interest always comes before the city's interest ?

In the old city of Ahmedabad, there is a city centre called ***"Manek Chowk."*** *This city centre is a busy junction in the morning with vendors selling fruits and other condiments. By evening, this centre gets transformed into a busy food court selling hot piping food to the milling local, domestic and international tourists. Our Mayor can send a delegation to Ahmedabad to study the model so that it can be replicated with our own local touch.*

I have a small suggestion, which if implemented may change the way street food is visualised. In the old city of Ahmedabad at Gujarat, there is a city centre called as ***"Manek Chowk."*** This city centre is a busy junction in the morning with vendors selling fruits and other condiments along with several old jewellery shops around it. Literally a wholesale *mandi.* Lo, by evening or by 8 pm, this centre gets transformed into a busy food court selling hot piping food to the milling local, domestic and international tourists. Chairs are placed randomly and families come in hordes to taste and eat the food. Affordable, hygienic and hot food. What else can one ask for ?

Since this is a city centre, transportation is also not a problem, even late nights. And is safe for families too. Food is served from about 9 pm to 1.30 am. Later, the food vendors get the area cleaned in the night itself so that the morning business can go on unhindered. No trip to this city is complete without a trip to this Chowk to savour the delicacies on offer.

There are more than 100 carts selling food. All varieties are on offer including the famous *chaats, paav bhaajis*, varieties of dosas, Gujarati snacks and an array of vegetarian *kebabs* too. What is the specialty of this place? Surprisingly, it is a sandwich called "chocolate sandwich." Yes, you heard me right. Oodles of chocolate served between two slices of bread. The special chocolate sauce is made locally and this signature dish has become some sort of local rage. This dish is not a dessert but a main course meal! If you are ready to experiment, you can try the chocolate pizza too, unique in taste.

There is a saying "when in doubt, eat South Indian," safe food. The array of dosas available is mind-boggling but the most popular is of course the simple *masala dosa.* Finally, one cannot leave this place without tasting the famous *"Asharfi kulfi"* a local speciality. Legend is that the owner of this stall was the first one to set up his stall in this Chowk and others followed gradually.

One must be wondering why am I writing about this food Chowk? As I was reading about this successful food court, I was tempted to think why can't we replicate this food court concept in our main city centre, the place opposite the Devaraja Market, around the Clock Tower or at the Ashoka Road junction, near the Clock Tower. This area gets deserted after 9 pm and is ideal for something like this. It is in the heart of the city and hence transportation is not a problem for the *aam aadmi.* One can start with about 30 to 40 stalls, selling both vegetarian and non-vegetarian food and expand it as the business improves. This can also become a tourist attraction both for domestic and international tourists.

The city Mayor can send a delegation to Ahmedabad and study the modeal so that it can be replicated with our own local touch. Any takers for this idea ?

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Iyengar Yoga in China

Do you know what is the latest fad in China? It is Yoga. As per the stats of 2014, about 10 million students have enrolled in various Schools of Yoga which have sprung up all over China. Nearly 1,500 yoga teachers are busy earning more than a lakh rupees per month imparting Yoga training. Now comes the interesting part. Ninety percent of the Yoga teachers are from Rishikesh (!) teaching the most sought after yoga "The Iyengar Yoga." Ironical, that our own Mysuru teachers are not sought after to teach this brand of Yoga, originating from this city. It is estimated that this industry will grow at a rate of 20 percent for some time to come. The demand of teachers is going to increase multi-fold. It is time our young men and women take up this challenge to popularise this yoga professionally all over the world, specially the South-East countries like Korea, China or Japan. The Department of Tourism also can do its part by holding road shows in these countries with assistance from the various Yoga Kendras of city. Do you agree ?

Rotary-Silicon Journalism Awardees

Andolana ***Editor Rajashekar Koti is seen presenting 'Rotary Mysore Midtown-Silicon Journalism Award for Excellence in Journalism' to M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav, Photojournalist,*** *Star of Mysore* ***and Dr. Kudli Gururaja, Chief Reporter,*** *Vijaya Karnataka,* ***at a programme organised at RCL Hall on JLB Road in city last evening. Others seen are (from left) donor Rtn. M.S. Naveen Chandra, Director of Silicon Controls (India) Pvt. Ltd., Rotary Mysore Midtown President Rtn. K.B. Harish, donor Rtn. S. Raghavendra, Director of Silicon Controls (India) Pvt. Ltd. and Rotary Mysore Midtown Hon. Secretary Rtn. A.N. Aiyanna.***

Co-optex Handloom Expo begins

A handloom expo-cum-sale to showcase the weaves from Tamil Nadu with 'Buy 2 Get 1 Free' offer by CO-OPTEX was inaugurated by DC D. Randeep at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre, on JLB Road in city yesterday. The expo will be open from 10 am to 8 pm till Mar. 21.

Cotton & Silk Expo at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry

Mysuru, Mar. 16 - A week-long Artisan Nature Bazar, an exclusive Exhibition-cum-Sale of Handloom and Handicrafts, organised by Rajasthan Art Collection at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry in city, began yesterday. **The expo will be open from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm till Mar. 21.**

The expo brings together rural Artisans from the eastern part of India featuring vast collections of handlooms and handicrafts, Odisha sarees & tie and dye dress material, West Bengal cotton sarees and many more are on display. Among the variety of Rajasthan handicraft and handlooms, includes Jewellery — silver, kundan and meenakari, Textile, Handmade Paper, Precious and Semi-Precious Stones-gemstone, Paintings, Leather craft, Marble Handicrafts, handcrafted items — wood, ivory, lac, glass, brass, silver and gold and much more.

For details, contact Mahaveer on Mob: 98412-78707.

3-day Holiday Mela at BIT from tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (KS) - In an effort to bring all major travel products and holiday options for Mysureans under one roof and to offer greater access to its clientele on a wide range of products and different types of holiday experiences, providing the best deals and offers of the season, Bharath International Travels (BIT) has organised a three-day Holiday Mela from Mar. 17 to 19 at its offices on Dewan's Road in Lakshmipuram and on KRS Road in Gokulam.

BIT has partnered with over 30 travel brands, including Easy Getaways, a one-stop shop for weekend travel, high-end luxury resorts like Angsana, Banyan Tree and Club Med, cruise products from leading cruise liners like Royal Caribbean and Princess Cruises and leading tour operators like Globus and Cosmos besides showcasing a range of products that span across various budget categories, experiences and destinations at the Mela. BIT has also planned lucky draws during the Mela, where customers get a chance to win Hotel Stay or Dinner Coupon. For details, contact Mob: 96866- 67703, 96866-67710 or 98451- 44866.

Graduation Day

at JSS Medical College on Mar. 18

172 graduates to receive certificates

M. Nishchitha

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Mysuru, Mar. 16 (MTY&KS) - The Annual Graduation Day of JSS Medical College, Mysuru, will be held on Mar. 18 at 5 pm at Sri Rajendra Auditorium in JSS Medical College premises in city.

Disclosing this at a press conference at Pathrakarthara Bhavan here on Wednesday, Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Principal, JSS Medical College, said that Dr. S. Rajasekaran, Chairman, Department of Orthopaedics & Spine Surgery, Ganga Hospital, Coimbatore and President, SICOT (International Society for Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery), will be the chief guest and give away the awards and medals.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeetha will preside.

In all, 172 students (84 male and 88 female) will be receiving their certificates at the Graduation Day. Those who bagged gold medals and cash prizes of 2011-2012 batch are: Dr. M. Nishchitha from Mysuru - 1 gold medal, 1 cash prize and Best Outgoing Student award; Dr.Ishita Malik from Haryana - 2 gold medals and six cash prizes; Dr. Ajay Koushik from Mysuru - 2 gold medals and two cash prizes; Dr. Divya Choudhary from Jharkhand- 2 gold medals; Dr. Meghashree from Mysuru - 1 gold medal; Dr. R. Adithi from Mysuru - 3 cash prizes; Dr. Pulkit Gupta from New Delhi - 1 cash prize and Dr. Aparna Padmanabhan from Kerala -1 cash prize.

Dr. M.V.S.S.T. Subbarao,

Professor, Department of Biochemistry, JSS Medical College - awarded for Best Research Paper.

Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar of JSS University, Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, Director (Academic), Dr. Satish, Dr. M. Guruswamy, Dr. Purushotham Shastry and others were present at the press meet.

Seminar on 'Impact of Demonetisation on Industries'

Mysuru, Mar. 16- Sri Nataraja Women's Residential First Grade College has organised a one-day seminar on 'Impact of Demonetisation on Industries' on Mar. 17 at the college premises in Sri Hosamath.

It will be inaugurated by Dr. B. Nagaraju, Chairman, Department of Studies in Commerce, Manasagangothri, at 10 am. Dr. T.P. Renukamurthy, Head, Department of Management Studies, VTU Regional Centre, Mysuru, will deliver the introductory address. Nataraja Prathistana Special Officer Prof. K. Satyanarayana and College Principal Dr. M. Sharada will be the special invitees. Sri Nataraja PG Centre Co-ordinator Dr. C. Chandrasen will preside. Sri Nataraja Prathishtana President Sri Chidananda Swamiji will grace the occasion.

The valedictory will be held at 4 pm. Dr. Mahesh, Assistant Professor, Department of Studies in Economics and Co-operation, University of Mysore, will deliver valedictory address. Dr. G. Mahadevaswamy, Assistant Professor, Maharani's College for Management Studies and Prof. Lokesh Murthy, Co-ordinator (Education), Sri Nataraja Prathishtana will be the chief guests.

The Resource Persons of the various sessions are: Dhananjay, Founder and CEO, Gravity 1 Builders and Consultants, Mysuru; Dr. Arun Bal Matti, Chief and Senior Scientist, Agriculture Science Centre, Mysuru and Dr. Harish Machaiah, Management Consultant, Mysuru.

Private schools must walk the talk on RTE Act, says Judge

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (MTY&VNS)- Private unaided institutions must walk the talk and follow the provisions of RTE Act and other laws pertaining to education department, said District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Member Secretary and Senior Civil Judge **Mohammed Muzeerullah.**

Speaking after inaugurating a day-long awareness programme on RTE Act and fee structure, jointly organised by District Administration and Department of Public Instruction at Christ The King Convent in city this morning, he said that out of the 650 private institutions in Mysuru, about 129 schools had failed to submit a report on implementation of RTE Act during 2015-16.

"If school authorities themselves do not follow rules, one can imagine the quality of teaching at those schools. There is also no information regarding disciplinary action taken against the erring schools under the RTE Act", he added.

He also said that the parents should not be burdened to pay the fees at one instalment. "Instead, they should be allowed to pay monthly, once in three months or six months according to their convenience. The school authorities must also introspect on the basic facilities provided to students such as classrooms, toilets, library, drinking water and others. Schools must also use technology available to keep the parents in the loop regarding fee structure and other announcements," he opined.

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, DDPI H.R. Basappa, ZP CEO P. Shivashankar, resource person and Senior Lecturer, DIET, Chamarajanagar Lingaraje Urs, Aided School Section Superintendent at DDPI office M.K. Swamy were present. Over 500 parents attended the programme.

MCC proposals find no mention in State Budget

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (RK&KS)- Officials of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) were in for a surprise yesterday when the Rs. 810 crore proposals for various projects in Mysuru sent by them did not figure in the Budget announcements made by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah yesterday.

Interestingly, Siddharamaiah and District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa had shown keen interest in various developmental works and had asked MCC officials to send project reports for fund allocation in the Budget. Following this, Mayor M.J. Ravi Kumar, along with the District Minister and MCC officials, inspected various projects including the pending ones and had sent a Rs. 810 crore proposal for 14 projects.

Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa had even given assurance to MCC of including the projects in the Budget.

Chief among the 14 projects include Rs. 150 crore for construction of Lansdowne Building, Devaraja, Vani Vilas and Mandi Markets and land acquisition for Hale Unduvadi Drinking Water project, Rs. 75 crore for construction of waste management units at Rayanakere, Kesare and Sewage Farm, Rs. 30 crore for construction of an underpass near Kukkarahalli Lake and widening of the existing road from Jayanagar under-bridge on New Kantharaj Urs Road, and Rs. 60 crore for completing the stalled aquarium project and for multi-level parking near Mysuru Zoo.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* over non-allocation of funds, MLA Vasu said: "Yes, the Mysuru City Corporation had sent a proposal. But the CM might have thought that he would be accused of sanctioning funds only for the projects in his home town. But the Chief Minister has shown keen interest in implementing all the 14 projects through various departments."

Slew of protests in city

- BJP condemns murder of Bommasandra Municipal Member
- Postal employees seek modification in 7th Central Pay Commission

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (US&RKB)- The city witnessed a slew of protests by various organisations on different counts this morning.

BJP

About 60 members of City BJP Unit staged a protest at Gandhi Square here condemning the breakdown of law and order in the State coupled with anti-Dalit policies of the Government.

They pointed out that the murder of Bommasandra BJP Municipal Member Srinivasa Prasad (Vasu) recently in Bengaluru has increased the list of such killings indicating the brewing of criminal activities which is going unchecked. They sought an end to such heinous crimes which were a living testimony to breach of law and order.

Postal strike

As part of the all India one day Postal strike, called by All India Postal Employees Union (AIPEU) and National Union of Postal Employees (NUPE), about 100 Postal employees of Mysuru Division staged a protest in front of Central Post Office at Nehru Circle here. All the Postal employees of the division have abstained from work today pressing for their pending demands which include modification in 7th Central Pay Commission, revision of HRA and Pension Scheme, regularisation of contract employees and extension of benefits to Gramin Dak Sevaks.

Near DC's office

About 50 members of *'Abhivyakti Swathanthrakkagi Jana Sanghatane'* staged a protest in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office here seeking protection of Constitutional rights and curbing of communal and fundamentalist outfits.

By-polls: Chief Electoral Officer holds parleys

(Continued from page 1)

Flying Squad members have been instructed to report on public events and the campaigning activities. Squads have been directed to visit campaigning places and videograph the proceedings and examine whether the political party had sought permission to conduct the rally. The static squad has been asked to check vehicles at check-posts for possible transportation of materials violating the poll code.

Assistant Commissioner C.L. Ananda, Assistant Poll Officer Kalavathi, Additional Superintendent of Police Divya Sara Thomas, Nanjangud Electoral Officer Jagadish, Tahsildar Dayananda and other officers were present.

NOMINATION PAPERS ON MARCH 20

For the Nanjangud by-elections both V. Sreenivasa Prasad (BJP) and Kalale Keshavamurthy (Congress) will file their nomination papers on Mar. 20, one day before the deadline to submit the nomination papers expires. While Sreenivasa Prasad will file his papers between 12 noon and 1 pm on that day, Kalale Keshavamurthy will file nomination papers at 10 am.

Party sources said that before submitting their nomination papers, both the candidates will come in a large procession at their respective time.

Political parties must seek permission to place ads

Mysuru, Mar. 16- Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, who is also the District Electoral Officer, has instructed political parties to seek permission before placing election advertisements in print and electronic media.

As per the Election Commission's instructions, DC D. Randeep has formed a district-level committee to keep track of advertisements placed by political parties in newspapers, radio, television channels and other mediums. The committee will also keep a vigil on 'paid news' and will work from Vartha Bhavan.

Political parties have been instructed by the DC to seek prior permission before placing advertisements. Though permission is not needed to place advertisements in newspapers, the committee will keep track of the ads published and finally add it to the total electoral expenditure of the candidate.

He has also said that party leaders or supporters cannot place ads without bringing it to the notice of the candidate and action would be initiated against such persons. The committee will also keep a vigil on newspaper advertorials.

Capt. Amarinder Singh sworn-in as Punjab CM

Navjot Singh Sidhu joins the Captain's Brigade

Amritsar, Mar. 16- Capt. Amarinder Singh took oath as the 26th Chief Minister of Punjab this morning in a ceremony attended by senior Congress leaders, including former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and AICC Vice-President Rahul Gandhi.

Amarinder Singh was administered the oath by Punjab Governor V.P. Singh Badnore at the Raj Bhavan.

Along with the Capt. Amarinder Singh, Braham Mohindra, Navjot Singh Sidhu, Manpreet Singh Badal, Sadhu Singh Dharmsot, Tript Tajinder Singh Bajwa, Rana Gurjit Singh and Charanjit Singh Channi took oath as Cabinet Ministers. Aruna Chaudhary and Razia Sultana will be Ministers of State.

MIA welcomes Budget; thumbs down from farmers, tourism sector

Mysuru, Mar. 16- The Mysuru Industries Association (MIA) has described the State Budget as "industry-friendly." In a press release, **MIA President & MLA Vasu and Secretary Suresh Kumar Jain** have welcomed the government's proposal to reduce lease period for less than 2 acres of land allotted by KSSIDC and KIADB to small scale investors from 99 years to 10 years.

They also welcomed the increase in loan for women entrepreneurs from Rs. 50 lakh to Rs. 2 crore at 4% rate of interest. The Budget provides huge opportunities for women, youth and backward class people. Allocation of Rs. 2,250 crore and loan up to Rs. 2 crore at 4% interest rate for women entrepreneurs is a boon for the industries sector, they said.

President of State Sugarcane Growers' Association Kurubur Shanthakumar has said that the Budget was a disappointment for the farming community. "In this hour of crisis, the CM should have provided relief to the farmers. While Siddharamaiah had announced that the recommendations of Seventh Pay Commission would be accepted giving good news to government employees, he has neglected the farmers," he said.

President of Mysuru Travel Association C.A. Jayakumar has termed the Budget "without a vision" that "caters to the welfare of only one particular group". "The CM has totally neglected the development and tourism sector. Last Budget, he had dealt a severe blow to the tourism industry and this year, he has literally neglected the sector," he said.

President of Mysuru Hotel Owners' Association C. Narayana Gowda has said that being a Mysurean, Siddharamaiah could have boosted the hotel industry in Mysuru that is reeling under crisis. "This Budget is not useful for the hotel industry and at the same time, it does not help tourism either," he said.

Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry President A.S. Satish said that it is a "balanced Budget". "While the CM must be complimented for providing a relief to small scale industries and women entrepreneurs, he could have done more to the tourism industry," he said.

The Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) and Hasiru Sene General Secretary Badagalapura Nagendra described the Budget as 'hopeless'. "Farmers hoped that the Chief Minister would announce waiver of agriculture loans but are disappointed. We had expected that the CM would announce a loan waiver but the Budget has left farmers in dire straits," he said.

Mysuru City BJP President Dr. B. H. Manjunath said that Siddharamaiah's Budget was aimed at garnering votes for elections as it was full of appeasement. "The Budget is pro-people. The CM has presented the Budget which has got something for farmers, students, industries, women empowerment, rural development, among others," said Mysore Paints and Varnish Limited Chairman H.A. Venkatesh.

State recalls S.M. Krishna's personal security guard

Bengaluru, Mar. 16- Close on the heels of senior Congress leader S.M. Krishna announcing his decision to join the BJP, the State Government has withdrawn his personal security guard from duty. Following this, the veteran leader is without a gunman since the last three days. As per sources, Krishna had Ramalingegowda guarding him for over 20 years and now with Krishna bidding adieu to the Congress, the security guard has been called back.

According to the Government, since Ramalingegowda is a City Armed Reserved (North Division) staff, he must return there and the Union Government can now take care of Krishna's security.

To join BJP on March 20: Krishna, who put off his programme of joining BJP following the death of his sister, might join the party on Mar. 20. The 84-year-old leader was scheduled to join the BJP yesterday. However, his sister Sunitha died on Mar. 14 following which he rushed back to Bengaluru.

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3-day musical treat to mark annual celebrations of Sri Krishna Gana Sabha from tomorrow

Mysuru, Mar. 16- As part of its 15th annual celebrations, Sri Krishna Gana Sabha has organised Music Concerts and Tyagaraja-Purandara Dasara Aradhana Mahotsava at Alwar Kalabhavan, Sri Krishna Temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage here on Mar. 17, 18 and 19.

Mar. 17 (6 pm): Swami Athmajnanandaji, President, Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru, will inaugurate the event; D. Madegowda, former MLC, will be the chief guest. S. Ramaprasad, President, Mukthaka Sahitya Academy, will be present. B.S. Sridhar Raje Urs, President, Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, will preside. This will be followed by a music programme by **Vid. Karthik Hebbar** accompanied by **Vidu. Veena Suresh** - Violin, **Vid. A. Radhesh** - Mridanga and **Vid. Sriram Bhat** - Khanjira [Sponsored by Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Charitable Trust and Kannada & Culture Department, Bengaluru].

Mar. 18 (6 pm): Music recital by **Vidu. Vrinda Acharya**, **Vid. G. Venkatesh Joshiyar** on Violin, **Vid. P.S. Sridhar** on Mridanga and **Vid. V. Shyam** on Ghata [Sponsored by Sri Krishna Gana Sabha and Kannada & Culture Department].

Mar. 19 (9.30 am): Tyagaraja and Purandara Dasara Aradhana Mahotsava. Ghosti Gayana followed by Music programme by **Vid. Maharajapuram Ramachandran** accompanied by **Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy** on Violin, **Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy** on Mridanga, **Vid. M.R. Manjunath** on Ghata. This follows *Prasada Viniyoga* [Sponsored by S. Ramaprasad, President, Mukthaka Sahitya Academy; Gowri Shankar & Shyamala Shankar; Nalini Chander & Chander (In memory of their parents); M. Renuka Devi, Treasurer, Ranjani Koushik, Vice-President; Kannada & Culture Department].

Vid. Karthik *Vidu. Vrinda* *Vid. Ramachandran*

Artistes' profile

Karthik Hebbar was initiated into Classical music by his mother Vidya Hebbar. He then blossomed into refined musician under the tutelage and guidance of the acclaimed musician Ganakalabushana Vid. R.K. Padmanabha. Karthik is one of the foremost torch-bearers of the RKP School of Music.

Apart from the tutelage under that renowned Guru, he has also achieved insights into music through various other means. Karthik completed his Graduation in Classical Music from Bangalore University. He has also attended many music training workshops and has had the opportunity to interact and learn personally from the likes of Sangeetha Kalanidhi R.K. Srikantan and other stalwarts of Classical music.

Karthik also trained under the renowned musician Sangeetha Kalaacharya P.S. Narayanaswamy during his stay in Chennai for a brief period. He has travelled widely and performed at most of the prestigious Sabhas in India. Vaadiraja Kalabhavana, Gayana Samaja, Rama Seva Mandali, Fort High School, Parthasarathy Sabha, Chennai, SRS Music Association Chennai, Shanmukhananda Sangeetha Sabha - Mumbai, Mysore Assn. - Mumbai, to name a few. He continues to travel the length and breadth of the country.

Vrinda Acharya has been recognised as one of the best Karnatak vocalists of Karnataka. Emphasis on bhava and clarity of sahitya, adherence to classical authenticity, eye for intricate nuances, wide repertoire and enthusiastic rendering of kritis are her special attributes which, coupled with a rich mellifluous voice, have groomed her into a proficient performer representing a purely classical school of music.

Vrinda's musical aptitude was noticed at a very young age, when she would impress many musicians with her innate flair for singing, and get their appreciation and blessings. She had her initial training in Karnatak Vocal Music from Vid. Shaila Subramanyam. She then came under the tutelage of Sangeetha Kalarathna Karnataka Kalashri Vidu. Neela Ramgopal. She also receives guidance from her husband Mridangam Maestro Vid. Arjun Kumar.

Awards include 'Ananya Yuva Puraskara' and 'Vid. Alathur Srinivasa Iyer Memorial Award' by Ananya, Malleshwaram, for the year 2015, 'Best Vocalist' and 'Smt. D.N. Parvathamma Memorial Award' in the 'Nadakishorotsava - Youth Music Festival' conducted by Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Mysuru, for the year 2008. 'Aryabhata Award' for the year 2005, 'Best Vocalist' and 'Pratibha Prashasti' by Sri Nadajyothi Tyagaraja Swami Bhajana Sabha, Malleshwaram for the year 2004.

Maharajapuram Ramachandran, as his name suggests, hails from the famed Maharajapuram lineage, his grandfather being the late Viswanathan Iyer and his father late Santhanam. He also happens to be the seventh in line in the direct Sishya Parampara of Saint Tyagaraja. This solid background has helped him earn a name for himself and carve a niche as the authentic heir of the Maharajapuram style. Strict adherence to tradition has earned him several awards and titles from prestigious Sabhas in Chennai.

He has been awarded the title of Sangeetha Choodamani by the Krishna Gana Sabha, Chennai in 2007. He is the Aasthana Vidwan of the Dayananda Ashram at Saylorsburg, PA. The Swamiji of the Ashram has bestowed upon him the title of *Aarsha Kalaa Bhushanam* in 2007 at Chennai. Ramachandran, who has graced the SIMA stage before is a Grade "A" artiste of the All India Radio and Doordarshan. He was faculty of the Department of Fine Arts at the Annamalai University in Tamil Nadu.

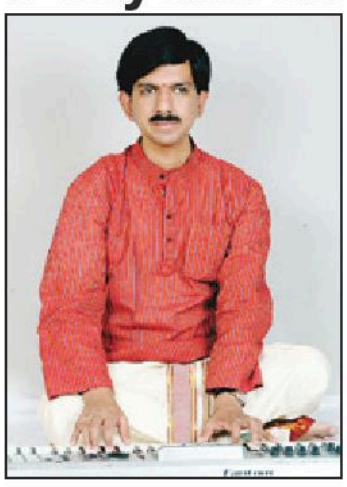
Tyagaraja and Purandara Aradhana Mahotsava on Mar. 19

Karnatak Keyboard Extravaganza by Dr. K.T. Udayakiran on Mar. 18

The 48th music concert of Raaga features **Vid. Dr. K.T. Udayakiran** on the Keyboard, at Prajna Kuteera Ayurveda Centre, Kuvempunagar, in city on Saturday (Mar. 18) at 5.30 pm.

Dr. Udayakiran, a faculty in vocal music at the College of Fine Arts, University of Mysore, is a Ph.D in Music and a Gold medallist. This multifaceted artiste learnt vocal music from Vid. Raghavendra and Vidu. Pushpa Srinivasan. He learnt violin from the veteran Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy and mridanga from Vid. N. Madappa. A 'B High' graded artiste of AIR & DD, he has won many scholarships and awards, both as a main artiste and an accompanist.

The scholarly Udayakiran has also presented papers at the National and International level music conferences. He has composed various Fusions, Ensembles and Signature Music.



He has accompanied on violin & keyboard for concerts and albums, presented Lec-Dems on various topics like Improvisation in Karnatak Classical Music, Ragam-Thanam-Pallavi, Fusion Music, Intricate Concepts of Indian & Western Music.

Dr. Udayakiran has performed in prestigious Sabhas in India and abroad, the Mysore Palace Durbar Hall, Sri Sathya Sai Baba Ashram, Puttaparthi, Sringeri Shankara Mutt, Tirumala Tirupathi Devasthanam, Sri Ganapathy Sachidananda Ashrama and various TV channels.

On Saturday, he is being accompanied by two accomplished artistes **Vid. C.N. Thyagarajan** on the violin and **Vid. Tumakuru B. Ravishankar** on the mridanga.

A talk on 'Healthy living through Ayurveda and Yoga' by Dr. N.V. Krishnamurthy precedes the concert between 4.30 pm and 5.15 pm.

The concert is sponsored by Sharada and T.S. Chandrashekar in memory of Annapoornamma Subba Rao. For details, contact 0821-2542069/9449703610.

—Veena Arun Kumar

Natarajothsava-2017 by Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre

National-level Dance Fest for male and couple dancers

Mysuru, Mar. 16 - Natarajothsava-2017, a 3-day National-level Classical Dance Festival for male and couple dancers, has been organised at Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road in city on Mar. 17, 18 and 19 from 6 pm to 9 pm under the aegis of Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC).

Mar. 17

Inauguration by Prof. Niranjan Vanalli, Registrar, KSGH Music & Performing Arts University, Mysuru; Dr. M. Surya Prasad, Senior Art Critic, Bengaluru, will be the chief guest. K.V. Murthy, President, VPAC, Mysuru, will be preside.

Kathak by Rupeesh Kumar Gupta [Durbhanga]; Bharatanatyam by Pavan Kumar and Vidu. M.S. Sindhu Rao, M.S. Bindu Rao, KSGH Music & Performing Arts University.

Mar. 18

Bharatanatyam by Varun Sharma and K. Tejesh [Bengaluru]; Bharatanatyam by T.S. Sagar [Tumakuru] .

Mar. 19

Kudiyattam by Ammannur Madhava Chakyar [Kerala]; Kuchupudi by Venkata Sai Satvik Bhagavatam and Vidu. Manisha Guda [Shankari Natyashala], Hyderabad, Telangana.

The event is sponsored by Department of Kannada & Culture, Dept. of Culture, Government of India and well-wishers.

University of Mysore Inter-collegiate Inter-zonal Men's Games

PGSC emerges overall champions

Post Graduate Sports Council, Manasagangothri, team members who won the overall team title in the University of Mysore Inter-collegiate Inter-zonal Men's Games 2016-17 are seen receiving the championship trophy.

Mysuru, Mar.16- Post Graduate Sports Council (PGSC), Manasagangothri, hogged the limelight yesterday at the valedictory of University of Mysore Inter-collegiate Inter-zonal Games for Men 2016-17 by winning the overall team championship scoring with 41 points at the University Grounds.

SBRR Mahajana FGC secured the second place with 19 points. University College of Physical Education (UCPE) former Principal Prof. Seshanna presented the awards to the winners. University of Mysore Syndicate Member M.S.Kumar, Prof. S. Ravi and Department of Physical Education In-charge Director Dr. P. Krishniah and others were present.

FINAL PLACINGS

Basketball: 1. Govt.Autonomous College, Mandya, 2. PGSC, Mysuru, 3. St. Philomena's First Grade College .

Football: 1. SBRR Mahajana First Grade College , 2.Govt. Autonomous College, Mandya, 3. St. Philomena's First Grade College .

Hockey: 1. PGSC, Mysuru, 2. St. Joseph's FGC, Mysore, 3. NDRK, Hassan.

Volleyball: 1. NDRK, Hassan, 2. PGSC, Mysuru, 3. JSS (Ooty) Road, Mysuru.

Kabaddi: 1. SAFGC, Channapatna, 2. PGSC,Mysuru, 3. Government Autonomous College, Mandya.

MDFA 'A' Division Football League in city from Mar. 23

Mysuru, Mar.16- Mysore District Football Association (MDFA) will be conducting the 'A' Division Football Tournament 2016-17 for the 'Achutharao Memorial Trophy' from Mar. 23 at the University Football Grounds.

A total of 12 teams will be taking part in the 'A' Division which are divided into two groups of six teams each. The top two teams from each group will qualify for the semi-finals and will play for the championship title. The two lowest point teams from each group will play for the relegation to the 'B' Division. The matches will be played on a league-cum-super-league basis.

The teams in Group 'A' are: Rovers FC, Gandhinagar FC, Royal FC, Jolly XI FC, South Western Railway (S) FC, Mysore Muslim FC. The teams in Group 'B' are: Durgamba FC, Mysore Police FC, Chanakya Koota FC, Pope FC, Ashoka FC and Soniya FC.

Selected for Natl. karate

Mysuru, Mar.16-R. Mayank of SVEI Public School secured third place in the 9th State-level Karate Championship organised by Akhila Karnataka Sports Karate Association.

He is also selected for the National-level tournament to be held in New Delhi shortly.

India F5 Futures Men's Tennis Tournament

Sidharth scores over Suraj

Bengaluru, Mar.16- Seventh seed Sidharth Rawat of India scored a well fought 7-6 (4), 7-6 (3) win over Mysuru lad Suraj R. Prabodh and entered the quarter-finals in the men's singles event in the India F5 Futures $15,000 ITF Men's Tennis Tournament played at the KSLTA Courts in Bengaluru yesterday.

In the men's doubles event, second seed pair of Chandril Sood and Lakshith Sood of India scored a 3-6, 6-3, 10-7 win over wild card entrants and Mysuru lads C. Vashit & S.D. Prajwal Dev and entered the semi-finals.

CM announces grants for aqua and aero sports in Mysuru

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (VNS)- Call it an election gimmick or encouragement to sports, people of State will decide the fate of the candidates on the day of election. But, for now, the announcement by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah to make Mysuru a aero sports and aqua sports hub has brought smiles on adventure sports enthusiasts.

While, announcing the budget, CM Siddharamaiah announced grant of Rs. 5 crore for aqua sports centre at Varuna Lake located in the outskirts of the city under the PPP model.

He has also announced to develop aero sports centre in Mysuru for which Rs. 5 crore has been reserved. These have came after the Department of Tourism, Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports had sent a joint proposal for the same.

The Minister of Civil Aviation has considered Mandakalli Airport as the Safe Drop Zone. This has prompted skydiving enthusiasts to try the adventure sports at the Mandakalli Airport. The department is planning to offer paramotoring, paragliding and parasailing in Mysuru.

The aqua sports will also get a boost with State Government announcing to start and aqua sports centre at Varuna Lake where aqua adventure sports are held during Dasara.

Siddharamaiah's budget also featured grants to start a tennis academy at Chamundi Vihar Stadium which is big boost for tennis players. "We had submitted a proposal to start a tennis academy along with developing water sports at aqua sports at Varuna Lake and Aero Sports at the Mandakalli Airport", said Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) Assistant Director Suresh.

For, now the skydiving is an expensive affair as people will have to splurge more to try the sport. This could be made affordable after bigger flights are used to accommodate more people.

The new announcements are surely a boost to sportspersons in city but the only thing that worries is its implementation. For example, the Swimming Pool, for which the construction began in 2013 at a cost of Rs. 5 crore is yet to be inaugurated. One wonders will it need four years to construct a single swimming pool.

Suresh said that the construction of swimming pool had been completed and the department had asked for CM's dates to organise the inaugural function of the new facility.

Only by announcing the grants will not help the sports persons but it is the effective implementation of the projects which will help sportspersons to achieve great heights.

Mahabaleshwara Brahmarathotsava

Mysuru, Mar. 16- The Brahmarathotsava of Sri Mahabaleshwara Swamy atop Chamundi Hill will be held on Mar. 18. Rituals such as *Vrushabha Vahana* and *Kalasharohana* will be held on Mar. 16 and Mar. 17 and the *Rathotsava* will be held on Mar.18 between 7.20 am and 8.20 am in *Mesha lagna* and *Hamsavahana* in the evening.

Ashwarohana, Bhoothavahana will be performed on Mar. 19, *Theerthasnana Pallakki Utsava* and *Dwajarohana* on Mar. 20, *Kailasa Vahana, Shayanotsava* on Mar. 21 and *Mahabhisheka* on Mar.22.

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16217/16218	Mysore-Sainagar Shirdi Weekly Express	05.10 am (Mon)	07.55 am (Mon)	03.30 am (Thu)	06.00am (Thu)
56231/56232	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	05.50 am	09.00 am	09.20 am	12.50 pm
16215/16216	Chamundi Express	06.45 am	09.30 am	06.15 pm	09.05 pm
12578/12577	Mysore-Dharbanga Weekly Exp.	07.20 am (Sat)	09.55 am (Sat)	08.55 pm (Thu)	11.30pm(Thu)
16229/16230	Mysore-Varanasi Bi-weekly Exp.	07.20 am (Tue & Thu)	11.50 am (Varanasi) (Thu & Sat)	09.50 pm (Varanasi) (Thu & Sat)	02.50 am (Sun & Tue)
16023/16024	Mysore-Yesvantpur Malgudi Exp.	08.20 am	11.10 am	01.30 pm	04.15 pm
56281/56282	Chamarajnagar-Bangalore Passenger	08.45 am	12.00 noon	03.30 pm	06.35 pm
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17307/17308	Mysore-Bagalkot Basava Exp.	01.30 pm	04.40 pm	11.15 am	01.50 pm
12008/12007	Shatabdi-Express (except Wednesdays)	02.15 pm	04.15 pm	11.00 am	01.00 pm
16557/16558	Mysore-Bangalore Rajya Rani Express	02.30 pm	05.10 pm	10.30 am	01.15 pm
56237/56238	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	02.45 pm	06.00 pm	07.00 pm	10.20 pm
16232/16231	Mysore-Mayiladuthurai Express	03.30 pm	06.30 pm	06.00 am	08.40 am
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56234/56233	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	07.10 pm	10.25 pm	05.00 am	08.30 am
22681/22682	Mysore-Chennai Weekly SF Exp	08.10 pm (Wed)	10.45 pm (Wed)	05.40am (Fri)	8.20am(Fri)
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56263/56264	Mysore-Bangalore Passenger	11.55 pm	04.00 am	11.55 pm	04.00 am

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56206/56205	Mysore-Nanjangud	09.00 am	09.50 am(N'gud)	10.15 am(N'gud)	11.10 am
56202/56281	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	05.00 am	06.40 am	06.55 am	08.45 am
56204/56203	Mysore-Chamarajanagar	07.20 am	09.10 am	10.40 am	12.25 pm
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56266/56265	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	07.15 am	11.10 am	05.30 pm	9.25 pm
56270/56269	Mysore-Shimoga Town Passenger	10.20 am	01.45 pm	12.35 pm	04.30 pm
56216/56215	Mysore-Shravanabelagola Daily Passenger	11.25 am	03.15 pm (S'bgla)	03.35 pm (S'bgla)	07.25 pm
56268/56267	Mysore-Arsikere Passenger	06.20 pm	10.30 pm	05.00 am	09.25 am
12781/12782	Mysore-Nizamuddin (New Delhi) Swarna Jayanthi Superfast Weekly Express	08.10 pm	11.15 pm (Friday)	01.35 am	04.55 am (Wed.)
17301/17302	Mysore-Dharwad Express	10.30 pm	01.40 am	03.05 am	07.00 am

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16206/16205	Mysore-Talaguppa Express	05.50 am	10.50 am	04.50 pm	10.15 pm
56276/56275	Mysore-Shimoga Passenger	01.10 pm	07.40 pm	07.50 am	02.30 pm
07301/06228	Mysore-Shimoga Express	10.30 pm	04.45 am	10.30 pm	07.00 am

TOWARDS Bangalore Mangalore

		Dep.	Arr.
16523/17	MysoreKarwar/Kannur Express	11.30 pm (Mys.)	2.00 pm (Kar)
16524/18	Karwar/KannurMysore Express	02.40 pm (Kar)	5.15 am (Mys) 5.30 am leaves for Bangalore

[The train reaches Kannur at 11.35 am and departs at 4.30 pm]

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Passengers can buy unreserved tickets three days in advance for journeys beyond 200 kms at :

1) Booking Office, Mysore Railway Station; 2) Tejaswi Enterprises, # 115, opposite Thaponandana Park, Panchamanthra Road, Kuvempunagar, Mysore570 023 (Ph: 2341111); 3) Ravitheja Enterprises #514 Bharath Mansion, New Kalidasa Road, Vijayanagar 1st stage, Mysore (08214256789).

For battery operated vehicle facility call Mob: 97316-18884

NOTE: Computerised Advanced Reservation facility is also available at Sri Ganapati Sachchidananda Ashram Post Office (Ph: 0821 2417311) and Siddarthanagar Post Office (Ph: 0821 2417335), Sharma Services, Keerthi Plaza, Chamundipuram, Mysore Ph: 08214289032. Railway timetable is published in *Star of Mysore* every Thursday.

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Clear this debris dumped at Chamarajapuram

Debris and garbage, which has been dumped in front of a house on Devaparthiva Road in Chamarajapuram about two weeks back by the owner of a house, is left uncleared and has become an eyesore in the locality. Authorities concerned are urged to get the debris and garbage cleared and also impose penalty on those dumping debris in residential area and not clearing it soon.

Clogged drain - a problem in N.R. Mohalla

Garbage which is dumped into a drain behind Loyal World in N.R. Mohalla is hindering the flow of sewage water which has now become stagnant resulting in foul smell emanating from it and also increase in mosquitoes. Authorities concerned are urged to get the drain cleaned for the benefit of the public and residents living in the surroundings.

Plea to fix overflowing manhole in Hootagalli

Residents have urged the civic authorities to get the manhole cleaned in Hootagalli as sewage water is overflowing from it and is becoming stagnant on the road, resulting in unbearable stench emanating from it since about 15 days. Residents said that apart from the stench, mosquitoes have also increased in the surroundings and have urged the authorities to take action at the earliest.

'Akashagange' Inter-College cultural competition held

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (SP&US)- A District-level inter-college cultural competition *'Akashagange'* was organised by JSS Women's College in Saraswathipuram recently.

About 500 students from various colleges across the district participated in the event comprising Treasure Hunt, Group Folk Dance, solo Classical Dance, Bhavageethe and Quiz competitions.

Inaugurating the programme, Dr. K. Rameshwarappa, Deputy Director, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, said that art was an external science, which rejuvenates everybody.

He observed that only a few people go down the memory in history because of their artistic achievements and advised the students not to pursue any art for academic interest and marks but with genuine interest.

He further said that art has no limits and creativity with imagination can evolve many manifestations.

Dr. C. Somashekar, retd. Secretary, Dept. of Co-operation presided. *Bigg Boss* Kannada winner Pratham was the chief guest. College Principal Dr. K.V. Suresh, Dean (Education) H.B. Suresh, Kannada Professor S.P. Umadevi and others were present.

Struggle only way for retaining reservation in promotion: MLC

Ugrappa

Mysuru, Mar.16 - Maintaining that continuous struggle is the only way for retaining reservation in job promotion for SC/ST communities, MLC V.S. Ugrappa has warned that SC/ST communities may lose out on reservation if they fail to launch a movement.

He was speaking at the valedictory of a seminar on 'Reservation in job promotion' in the wake of Supreme Court striking down the right to reservation in job promotions, at Humanities Block in Manasagangothri here recently.

Asserting that reservation at all levels is necessary until equality prevails in the society, Ugrappa said that the State Government will file a petition seeking review of the SC order.

The seminar passed a nine-point resolution which included filing of a petition seeking review of SC order on job promotion, filling up of backlog posts and job reservation in private sector, among others.

Senior advocate C. Jagadish, Prof. Yashoda, Dr. Vidya Chandavara and Prof. D. Anand delivered lectures.

M.S. Khaleem, Ningaraj Malladi, Prof. Mahesh Chandra Guru, Prof. K.S. Bhagawan, C.P. Gangadhar and others were present.

Army Recruitment Rally in Madikeri during May

Mysuru, Mar. 16- An army recruitment rally will be held from May 27 to June 4 at Madikeri Sports Stadium by Headquarters Recruiting Zone, Bengaluru.

Interested youth may fill the applications online from Mar. 30 to May 14 by logging on to: *www.joinindianarmy.nic.in*

The recruitment will be for the posts of Soldier (writer), Warehouse-Keeper (Technical), Soldier (General Duty), Nursing Assistant, Veterinarian, Soldier (Tradesman) and Soldier Technical (for Karnataka's 13 districts).

For details, contact Ph: 080-25599290 or 25596517.

Hunsur MLA lays foundation stone for development works

Manjunath

Hunsur, Mar. 16 (Raghu)- Stating that most of the water bodies in Hunsur Taluk and River Lakshmanathirtha, considered as the lifeline of Hunsur, have gone dry with failure of rains, MLA H.P. Manjunath opined that the taluk was facing the worst drought in nearly seven decades.

He was speaking after performing *guddali puja* to a slew of works undertaken by PWD at Hanagudu in the taluk.

Pointing out that the severe drought has driven us to look at alternative measures for finding a permanent solution to water crisis, Manjunath lashed out at his opponents who ridiculed him saying whether the MLA can bring rains.

Noting that 120 out of the 125 pre-election promises made by the Siddharamaiah Government have been fulfilled, the MLA promised construction of Community Hall at Hanagodu if villagers propose a suitable site for its construction.

Listing out the development works carried out by him, Manjunath said that they did not discriminate between communities in sponsoring fairs and festivals in the taluk. GP President Madhu too spoke on the occasion.

Two of Dandupalya gang arrested after 32 years

Mandya, Mar. 16 (US&NG)- Nagamangala Police have arrested two persons, Doodamuniya and his brother Chikkamuniya, said to be members of Dandupalya gang who were involved in burglaries of houses in Bellur and Nagamangala during 1981-84. They were arrested and granted bail in 1985 but subsequently were absconding for 32 years and now arrested again.

Seshadri Iyer Road divider works irk public

Mysuru, Mar. 16 (MTY&BCT)- The Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has taken up the works to fix dividers on Seshadri Iyer Road from Dhanvanthri Road Junction to Irwin Road Junction and make the stretch a double road. As the road is already narrow, people feel that once the median work is completed, the width of the road will further reduce, leading to traffic jams.

The works are on in full swing with the MCC workers having already dug up the middle of the Seshadri Iyer Road. According to road-users in the area, the road median between these two busy Junctions was unscientific. This will cause frequent traffic jams as there is a constant rush due to a large number of patients to Cheluvamba Hospital and K.R. Hospital, they argue.

Due to the large influx of patients to the hospitals, there is also frequent movement of ambulances. Earlier, the ambulance drivers used to take this stretch from Seshadri Iyer Road to Irwin Road to avoid traffic jams. Now the dividers will result in further traffic snarls, road users complain.

MAYOR JUSTIFIES MOVE

When the issue and public complaints were brought to the attention of Mayor M.J. Ravi Kumar, he told *Star of Mysore* that making Seshadri Iyer Road from Dhanvanthri Road Junction to Irwin Road Junction a two-way with medians in the middle will not cause vehicles to pile up, rather it will pave way for smooth traffic as the road is 30 metres wide. "We have begun the works as we have got a recommendation from Traffic Police about the need of dividers," he added.

Farm loan not waived in Budget

Two disappointed farmers commit suicide in Mandya

Cheluvegowda

Mandya, Mar.16 (US&NG)- Anticipating farm loans to be waived in the State Budget which did not materialise, in separate incidents two farmers in the district allegedly committed suicide yesterday possibly out of sheer despair.

Cheluvegowda (68) of Natanahalli in K.R. Pet taluk allegedly set himself ablaze by jumping into fire while Prakash (30) of T. Malligere in Mandya taluk hung himself.

Cheluvegowda was in possession of about 3.5 acre of land and was said to have taken a loan of Rs.1 lakh from PLD Bank and several lakhs from money lenders.

However, severe drought had shattered his plans and he was expecting the farm loan to be waived in the Budget that was presented yesterday by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah.

When it did not happen, Chaluvegowda allegedly set fire to the hedge around the land and jumped into the fire.

His wife Parvathamma has lodged a complaint with K.R. Pet Rural Police Station.

On receiving information, the Police summoned fire-fighting personnel and got the fire extinguished. The charred body of the deceased was sent to mortuary of a local hospital.

In the other incident, farmer Prakash committed suicide by hanging from a tree in his agricultural land. He too had about 3 acre of land and the borewell too had dried.

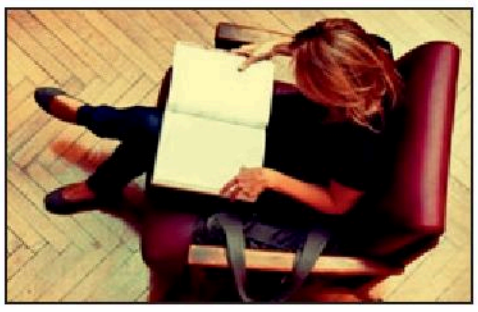
He was believed to have taken a loan of Rs. 5 lakh from various Banks. His hopes were shattered while watching the Budget presentation on TV and took the extreme step.

Shivalli Police have registered the case.

WORD OF THE DAY

Gadzookery

Pronunciation: Gad-ZOO-kuh-ree



Meaning: (British) The use of archaisms (as in a historical novel).
Example: "Her spare prose and dialogue give a period flavour without the dread excesses of gadzookery." — David Langford, The Complete Critical Assembly, 2002
Origin: "Gadzooks . . . you astonish me!" cries Mr.Lenville in Charles Dickens' Nicholas Nickleby. We won't accuse Dickens of gadzookery ("the bane of historical fiction," as historical novelist John Vernon once called it), because we assume people actually said gadzooks back in the 1830s. That mild oath is an old-fashioned euphemism, so it is thought, for "God's hooks" (a reference, supposedly, to the nails of the Crucifixion). Today's historical novelists must toe a fine line, avoiding anachronistic expressions while at the same time rejecting modern expressions such as okay and nice (the latter, in Shakespeare's day, suggesting one who was wanton or dissolute rather than pleasant, kind, or respectable).

THE ODD WORD

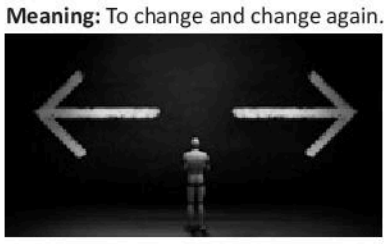
Icky

Repulsive or distasteful; excessively sweet or sentimental; unsophisticated or old-fashioned; sticky; viscid.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Chop and change

Meaning: To change and change again.



Origin: Chop is a now an archaic word which has been used for centuries to mean 'change suddenly'. The first printed example of 'chop and change' is from the 1485 Digby Mysteries:
"I choppe and change with symonye, and take large yiftes."
Robert Greene's The BlackeBookes Messenger - The Life and death of Ned Browne, a notable Cutpurse and Conny-catcher [thief and cheat], 1592, makes the meaning explicit:
"...in casting mine eye on a pretty wench, a mans wife well knowne about London, I fell in loue with her ... whereuppon her husband, a kind Knaue, and one euerie way as base a companion as my selfe, agreed to me, and we bet a bargaine, that I should haue his Wife, and he should haue mine ... so wee like two good Horse-corsers, made a choppe and change."

QUOTE BOX

I can't think of any better representation of beauty than someone who is unafraid to be herself.

—Emma Stone

RIDDLE THIS

How many cubic meters of dirt are in a hole of 20 meter long and 30 meter wide?

Answer: NONE, holes are empty.

SUDOKU

	7	8				2		
1			9				6	5
				3				
	5		1			7		
				8				
		4			6		5	
				2				
6	1				4			7
		3				8	4	

Answer to previous puzzle

9	2	7	6	4	5	1	3	8
8	1	5	3	9	7	6	2	4
4	6	3	1	8	2	9	7	5
7	4	8	5	6	3	2	1	9
2	5	9	8	7	1	3	4	6
1	3	6	9	2	4	5	8	7
3	9	2	7	5	8	4	6	1
6	8	4	2	1	9	7	5	3
5	7	1	4	3	6	8	9	2

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Psychic power
4 Flight Mgmnt. Sys.
7 His, hers or ___
10 1051 in Roman numerals
11 A layman, not of the clergy
13 Clamp, clasp or clutch
14 Helpfully or serviceably
16 Simple to do
17 Word for word, as in ___ translation?
19 Constellation : The river
21 Gigantic mythical bird
24 Crow or boast
25 Russian empress
27 Amitabh's leading lady in many a movie
29 Strikes on a golf green
30 Organic solvent used as nail-polish remover
33 Ms Dhupia of Bollywood
34 Text to speech, acronym
35 Balderdash
38 Salad leaves
39 Sporty car __ Romeo
42 Measures of heat?
46 Song, sonnet or verse
47 A very small mountain
48 __ Paolo : famous city in S. America?
49 To Be Determined
50 A strong solution of sodium or potassium hydroxide
51 Attila was one

DOWN

1 Australian bird
2 Satellite Landing Sys.
3 Nice as ___ : extremely well-behaved or agreeable?
4 In a ___ state : not in a very solid state?
5 Island that was awarded the George Cross?
6 "Listen" anagram for being speechless?
7 Irish Republic Army, acronym
8 "Itis" contracted for the poets?
9 He may be in disguise and use a false name
12 Persian monarch, ___ the Great
13 Jelly - "leg" anagram?
15 Act of flying
18 Letters of urgency
19 Build or construct
20 Long handled tools used to gather leaves, grass, etc.
21 The last ____ : the funeral ceremony?
22 __ __ dot : very promptly? (2,3)
23 Spanish home
24 Enfant terrible
26 Someone in a race
28 Top-notch (1-3)
31 A run in cricket was recorded by making one in a stick, years ago
32 Involve by necessity
36 Defile or tarnish good reputation of
37 Gallic school
38 Flight from the law
39 Fitting and suitable
40 High tennis shot
41 Well ___ : having had good quantity of food?
43 "Like" suffix
44 Water in France
45 Male offspring

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

D	I	P		T	B	D		A	V	O	W
I	S	A		H	E	E		N	O	N	E
V	I	S	I	T	O	R	S		D	I	E	T
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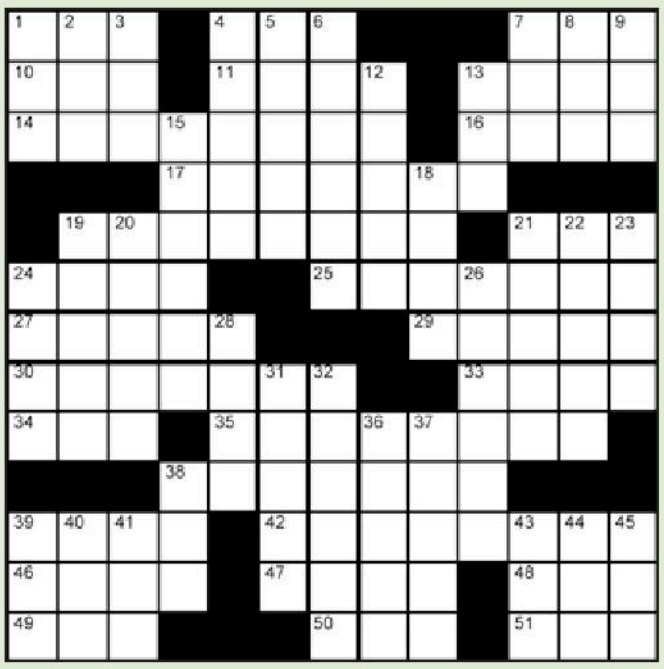

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VPWQULT XPEE JN GPIH QU DN RUL P PIQNIH

QU XLPQN PQ. - MVCLMVPEE

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Against logic there is no armor like ignorance.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Hebbuli	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Veera Ranachandi	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Sri Maruthi	94489-06100	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Eradanesala	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Vardhana	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
Chowka	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
Kirik Party	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Bengaluru Underworld	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Real Police	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
HINDI			
Badrinath Ki Dulhania	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Commando 2	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Motta Shiva Ketta Shiva	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
ENGLISH			
Kong: Skull Island	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

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Badrinath Ki Dulhania (H)	(S-1)	11.00 am, 4.15 pm
	(S-4)	1.45 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
Kong: Skull Island (3D-E)	(S-1)	1.45 pm, 7.20 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-2)	11.10 am, 4.35 pm
Oru Mexican Aparatha (Ma)	(S-2)	1.40 pm
Hebbuli (K)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am, 4.30 pm
Angamaly Diaries (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
	(S-3)	11.00 am
Bengaluru Underworld (K)	(S-3)	1.45 pm
The Ghazi Attack (H)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Logan (E)	(S-3)	7.05 pm, 9.55 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — PH: 2533444 / 2533456

Badrinath Ki Dulhania (H)	(S-2)	10.00 am, 12.50 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.50 pm
Kong: Skull Island (3D-E)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 12.25 pm, 2.50 pm, 7.30 pm, 9.55 pm
Bengaluru Underworld (K)	(S-1)	5.15 pm
Logan (E)	(S-3)	10.20 am, 4.00 pm, 9.40 pm
	(S-4)	7.00 pm
Hebbuli (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm, 6.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 4.10 pm
Motta Shiva Ketta Shiva (Ta)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Angamaly Diaries (Ma)	(S-4)	9.50 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

AIR ON FRIDAY

6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.45 Gandhi Smruthi, 6.50 Sponsored Prog., 7.15 Bhavageete, 8.30 Radio Doctor, 8.35 Haadiyalli Kanda Mukha, 9.15 Namma Arogya, 10.00 Vocal Recital, 10.30 Hindi Film Songs, 11.00 Kamanabillu, 12.30 Mahila Ranga, 1.00 pm Devaranama, 1.20 Bhavageete, 1.30 Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.15 Hindi Film Songs, 2.35 Chinnara Chukki, 4.00 Music Recital, 5.00 Gaana, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Reshme Siri, 9.30 Hindustani Music, 10.30 Savinenapu.

TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Kaala Teeka 7:30 Sanyukt 8:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek 8:30 Piya Albela 9:00 Kumkum Bhagya 9:30 Ek Tha Raja Ek Thi Rani 10:00 Woh Apna Sa	7:00 pm Saathiya 7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein 8:00 PardesMeinHaiMeraDil 8:30 Chandra Nandni 9:00 Naamkarann 9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai 10:00 Ishqbaaaz	6:00 pm Kapil Sharma Show 07:30 Peshwa Bajirao 08:00 Mahabali Hanumaan 08:30 Ek Rishta Sajhedari Ka 09:00 Beyhadh 09:30 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise Bhi 10:00 Peshwa Bajirao
5:00 pm Man Woman Wild 6:00 Food Factory 7:00 Man Vs. Wild 8:00 River Monsters 9:00 Running Wild With Grylls 10:00 Man Vs. Wild 11:00 Naked and Afraid	6:00 pm This Weeks Special 6:30 Australia Tour of India 2017 H/ls 7:30 This Weeks Special 8:00 Australia Tour of India 2017 H/ls 8:30 Superstars 9:00 This Weeks Special 9:30 Australia Tour of India 2017 H/s	6:00 pm Street Genius 6:30 Do or Die 7:00 Nat Geo Extreme Wild 8:00 Science of Stupid 8:30 Brain Games : Scams 9:00 Megastructures 10:00 Man hunt : Kill to Survive 11:00 Wild Battlezone : Moody
6:00 pm Larva 7:00 Roll No. 21 9:00 Teen Titans Go 9:30 Larva 10:00 Ben 10 11:00 Dragon Ball Z 11:30 Teleshopping	6:00 pm Keladi Kanmani 6:30 Ganga 7:30 Kula Deivam 8:00 Deiva Magal 8:30 Vamsam 9:00 Nandini 9:30 Vani Rani	6:00 pm Mahasati 7:00 Sarayoo 7:30 Sapthamathruka 8:00 Aramane 8:30 Nandini 9:00 Ananda Bairavi 9:30 Movie: **Swalpa Adjust Madkolli**

MOVIES TONIGHT

6:06 pm **Maze Runner** 8:59 **Terminator 3** 11:22 **Pirates of the Caribbean**	5:48 pm **Spy Kids 3-D** 7:15 **Hansel & Gretel** 9:00 **Star Trek** 11:40 **10,000 BC**	5:33 pm **Horrible Bosses** 7:10 **Contagion** 9:00 **Step Up 2** 10:46 **Batman & Robin**
3:00 pm **No.1 Mr Perfect** 5:57 **The Lost World** 8:55 **Jaani Dushman**	5:00 pm **Kasam Hindustan Ki** 8:00 **Aakhri Shastra** 10:45 **Maanikya**	4:30 pm **Strangers** 8:00 **Comedy Champions** 8:30 **Tathastu**
5:18 pm **Iron Man 3** 8:22 **Goal !** 11:03 **Goal II Living the Dream**	4:00 pm **Kiladi** 7:00 **Romeo** 10:00 **Barjari Bete**	4:15 pm **Krishna** 7:00 **Baby** 10:30 **Hero The Action Man**

EVENTS TODAY (MAR.16)

Sharana Sahitya Parishat, Mysuru City Unit: Dr. H. Tipperudraswamy Endowment, book release — *Honnaliya Honnu* — writer Dr. RaGow, Prof. Chandrashekaraiah presides, Sri Rajendra Bhavan, JSS Hospital premises, **5 pm.**

Samskara Bharati, Mysuru: International Women's Day celebrations, Special Medical and Various Programmes, talk on health issues in women nu Dr. Suma and Dr. Pratiba Periera, Music Programme by Raghuleela Sangeetha Mandira, felicitation to Dr. Padma Murthy, H.R. Leelavati, Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy and Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, JSS Medical College and Hospital, **6 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Jnanayogananandaji speaks on 'Kathopanishad,'Ashramapremises,Yadavagiri,**6 pm.**

Sri Krishna Seva Samithi Trust: Weekly Programme on DVG's 'Manku Thimmana Kagga' by Master Speaker K.S. Mukundan, 'Chaitanya Bhavan,' Krishna Temple, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR.17)

Sri Ramakrishna Seva Sangha, Ramakrishna Vidya Kendra and RKVK PU College, Ramakrishnanagar: Saraswathi Puja and Mathru Vandane, Srimata Amoghamayiji of Sri Sharadadevi Vishwa Bhavaikya Ashrama-Haleya Kiranguru-Srirangapatna, graces the occasion, M. Papegowda of Sri Ramakrishna Seva Sangha presides, Ramakrishna Vidya Kendra School Committee President J.K. Basappa will be present, School premises, **9.30 am.**

CO-OPTEX: Expo-cum-sale to showcase the weaves from Tamil Nadu with 'Buy 2 Get 1 Free' offer, Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), Mysuru Local Centre, JLB Road, **10 am to 8 pm.**

Ganabharathi: Vocal concert by Vid. N. Srinath, accompanied by Vid. C.N. Tyagarajan on violin, Vid. V.R. Srinivas on mridanga and Vid. Sharath Koushik on ghata, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC): Natarajothsava-2017, a 3-day National-level Classical Dance Festival for male and couple young dancers, Prof. Niranjan Vanalli, Registrar, KSGH Music & Performing Arts University, Mysuru, inaugurates; Dr. M. Surya Prasad, Senior Art Critic, Bengaluru, chief guest, K.V. Murthy, President, VPAC, Mysuru, presides; Kathak by Rupeesh Kumar Gupta [Durbhanga]; Bharatanatyam by Pavan Kumar and Vidu. M.S. Sindhu Rao, M.S. Bindu Rao, KSGH Music & Performing Arts University, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm to 9 pm.**

Sri Krishna Ganasabha: 15th annual celebrations, Music Concerts and Thyagaraja & Purandara Dasara Aradhana Mahotsava, Swami Athmajnanandaji, President, Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru, inaugurates; Madhegowdaru, former MUDA Chairman and former MLC, chief guest, S. Ramaprasad, President, Mukthaka Sahitya Academy, will be present, B.S. Sridharraje Urs, President, Sri Krishna Gana Sabha, presides; Music programme — Vid. Karthik Hebbar - Vocal, Vidu. Veena Suresh - Violin, Vid. A. Radhesh - Mridanga and Vid. Sriram Bhat - Khanjira, Alwar Kalabhavan, Sri Krishna Temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**

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Sri Sheneshwaraswamy Nirantara Seva Bhakta Mandali, Vidyaranyapuram: Sri Shanidevara 36th annual Aradhana Mahotsava, Sri Shanidevara Utsava, **10 am.**

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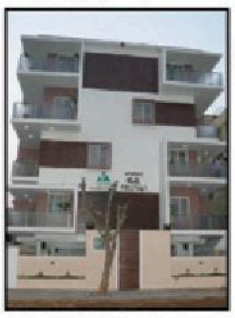
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